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#### Shall We Support Our World-Wide Work?

THE final report of the missions receipts by the General Conference has arrived. The weekly average in cents per member is headed by the Atlantic Union with 64.6 cents per member. In 1930 the Atlantic Union raised an average of 71.5 cents per week per member. Our average in the union is 21.9 cents for the year just passed. This is a drop of 7.3 cents from the 1930 record, which was 29.2 cents per week for each member. The average for the entire United States for 1930 was 45.5 cents and the 1931 record is 33.9 cents, or a falling off of 6.6 cents. Thus it is readily seen that the Southwestern Union shrinkage is seven-tenths below the average for the entire field.

The common excuse in cases like this is we were not so fortunate in financial matters as other union conferences, but really is it true that each one has made definite plans to have a regular amount to give each Sabbath? Is it not a fact that a large number of people just give if they happen to have money? Manv gives liberally а person who must make very definite plans to earn money in some regular way so as to meet his financial obligations to God, for He expects tithes and offerings.

Brethren, if every union conference paid only what we are paying, our missionaries would be called home by the score. Do we not have a very definite responsibility to increase cur mission offerings? The shortage in the General Conference treasury will exceed \$400,000.00. We certainly cannot sit idly by unconcerned and allow our mission frontiers to be curtailed.

Dear brethren, listen to another very earnest appeal-increase our

mission offerings to twice the sum given in 1931 In the year 1920 this union conference gave fifty cents per week per member. May God help us to sense our obligations and give us power to fulfill them.

M. B. VAN KIRK, President. Southwestern Union Conference.

#### Back In the Cherokee Strip

RECENTLY while in California I met a sister at the table in our Loma Linda Sanitarium dining room, who spent her childhood days in the Oklahoma Strip. After a few words of common interest I enquired into the origin of her acceptance of last day truth.

It was on this wise; Back in those days while living a long distance from any other family, as many of those pioneers did, a cclporteur called at the home of her mother. The mother gave the daughter's name to the colporteur, rather than her own, and in due time the colporteur began sending the Signs to her. Its message gripped her heart, and while the Signs came only for a few months, its works did follow it.

The daughter kept asking God for light, while working hard to help the widowed mother support the family. One day a man left an old box of books and among them were many false theories, and a few copies of the Signs. The daughter read the books and the Signs and thanked God for light. Later she moved to New Mexico and there the conviction took hold upon her anew and she made a full surrender, and began keeping the Sabbath. After four years of Sabbath-keeping with no cne of like faith near. Elder H. L. Hoover, dropped into her neighborhood and held a series of meetings. and she was baptized and united with the church. Now she gives the Signs to others

How would you like to do more of that kind of work? There is abundant room in your conference for the Signs now coming into the union territery are as follows;

N. Texas	251
Oklahoma	458
S. Texas	297
Texico	158

February 7-20 is the Annual Signs Campaign date. We hope every church will use the Signs in 1932. Church elders, bring it to your congregation. Who knows if the above story might not be duplicated in your territory? R. L. BENTON.

#### -----The Bible Year

**TUCH** money and time are being will spent in these days of keen competition in order to become more efficient and competent in meeting the demands. The musician, the doctor, the lawyer, the teacher, et cetera, all consider it absolutely necessary to spend some time with a specialist in order to excel in "my chosen profession." If there is one line above all others in which the youth of this denomination should be determined to succeed during these years of uncertainty, it is in their chosen profession, "to know Christ and to make Him known" I Cor. 2:2. This was Paul's purpose in life. "I am determined," said he. "not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and Him crucified." To be kept from a discouraged and defeated experience, to be victorious over every besetment and temptation, to excel in the Christian life, is the supreme privilege of all our youth during 1932. To make this experience possible in the lives of our young people the Bible Year plan was launched. The Bible Year-a year with the Bible-and every year with the Bible is absolutely necessary if the youth would excel in spiritual things.

To properly spend this year with the Bible does not mean to read it through on time, or as quickly as possible. It does not mean to find texts to be quoted for the benefit of the nighbor, nor does it mean to compete with fellow youth. To truly observe the Bible Year means to read it systematically, conscientiously, and prayerfully for the benefit of one's own heart and life. "The Bible is a medicine chest and personal problem solver." To keep this uppermost in the minds of the youth would not the following plan be helpful:

Encourage the youth to make two lists. One consisting of all the things that affect his life day after day. Those problems which concern his personal life. Is it some habit he has tried in vain to break? Is it a cherished sin of which he longs to be delivered? Are there temptations of doubt and unbelief? Perhaps he carries a feeling of discouragement, or perhaps he is melancholy. It may be that a bitterness has overtaken him and he manifests a thirst for revenge. Has he suffered disappointment and defeat? Has sorrow come to him? Why not write all of these personal things down along with many others which will come to him from time to Make a complete inventory time? of all things that concern his personal needs.

Then make a second list as the Bible is read through.-a list of passages and portions of the Bible that have a direct bearing on the first list. He will presently learn that the Bible presents a help in every time of need. It meets every problem in the daily life. It makes the principles of the "The Bible a reality in the life. sacred Word, if made the rule of life, will refine, elevate, and sanctify. It is the voice of God to man. Will we heed it?"-"Messages to Young People," p. 257. •

If we could urge our young people to follow such a plan in observing the Bible Year I am sure that their Christian life would be much richer at the end of the year.

This same plan could be repeated every succeeding year, since new problems arise in the life which the Bible meets at every occasion.

D. A. OCHS, Associate Secretary, General M. V. Department.

### Time of Uncertainty Our Great Opportunity

(Churches of the Pacific Union are distributing more than 26,000 Signs a week)

THE year 1932 has come to us freighted with care and responsibilities. What its days may bring to us no human mind is able to forecast. It surely will be a year filled with serious import. Affairs of far-reaching significance will be urged upon our attention. Men of affairs tell us that it is to be a year of reconstruction. We should all hope for the best, and we should pray that God may bless our great national leaders

Financiers speak and predict; statesmen and parliaments in various countries legislate; leagues and world courts plan; and yet uncertainty seems to reign in the hearts of men. Much that great men of the world have attempted to do during the last few years has come to naught, and for that reason men's hearts are failing for fear for looking after the things that are coming upon the earth.

In this time of perplexity and doubt there is only one sure court of appeal, namely: God's divine interpreter, the Bible, in the sure word of prophecy. And the Signs of the Times, our great prophetic weekly, should be sent forth far and near as never before. Thousands of men are led into great seriousness because of the perilous times in which they live, and are longing to know the way out of darkness into a brighter day. God's people should make use of the Signs of the Times as they never have before. This bright up-to-date, well-edited paper is just what the world needs. Never before in the history of our missionary endeavor have there been greater opportunities than at the present hour, and the Signs of the Times should be widely used by our people in reaching the masses.

The position of the church is not a question only of responsibility. Let us rather think of it as a golden opportunity of service for the Master.

"More Signs means more souls."

J. E. FULTON,

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President Pacific Union Conference.

#### **Displacing Heathen Gods**

IN SPEAKING this morning to one of the workers who had just come in from an out-station where a tent meeting has recently been held, I asked about the progress of the work there and what the results were. His answer was, "Four families have removed their idols and put up the ten commandments in their place." That means that four more idols have been cast down and four more altars raised

to the God of heaven. And it means more; it means that these homes, these men and women, these fathers and mothers, have accepted Jesus as their Saviour, and have cast aside their evil practices, their superstitions and doubts, and have started on the way to eternal life. Their idols were of paper. They were mere pictures pasted upon the wall, and these paper pictures were bowed down to and worshipped. In the hour of danger they were appealed to for protection; in time of need their aid was solicited, and in sorrow their comfort was sought. But the cries of these people went up to deaf ears. Now these four families have found the way.

We thank God for these four, but how about the other four hundred thousand and four,-yes, more, four hundred million and four,---that still cry to ears that are deaf and look for aid and blessings to gods that are no gods,-gods that are made of wood and stone, mud, straw and paper? How about these multitudes who die with no knowledge of salvation, without hope and eternally lost? China's millions, torn by war, and stricken by famine, communism and banditry, are seeking a Saviour. Shall we who know Him who is the fountain of all blessings, withhold from or hesitate in giving them the only Saviour, Jesus Christ? Nay, shall we not redouble our efforts and give, that means may be provided to send more workers to finish the work in this hard yet needy field?

> W. E. STRICKLAND, Yencheng, Honan, China.

### Will Russia Dominate China?

THE prospect that Soviet Russia may eventually emerge as the predominating foreign power in China, commercially as well as politically, is being studied closely by observers in north Manchuria.

At the moment when America, Britain, and other foreign countries are being pressed to give up the concessions and privileges that have assured them a firm foothold in China for a century, Russia is seen to be pursuing a determined policy of commercial penetration, backed up, in some instances, by force

Already having a grip on Outer Mongolia and threatening to dominate Chinese Turkestan, Russia's plans for economic expansion also embrace Inner Mongolia and other regions along China's extended northern fringe, it is believed here

China officials frankly admit the possibility that unless prompt measures are taken the greater part of China beyond the Great Wall will eventially become Soviet territory.— Dispatch by Associated Press from Harbin to San Francisco Chronicle, June, 14, 1931.

#### Movies Denounced by British Judge

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THE face on the bench was calm and sympathetic as the sordid and pathetic procession of petty wrongdoers passed by. But it was like loosing a dammed-up stream when the London magistrate talked to his interviewer on the motion picture industry. It seems that in England, too, there is a bitter complaint against filth on the screen.

It was in the private room of the Southwestern Police Court that Mr. J. A. R. Cairns, a well-known magistrate of the big city on the Thames, let loose his anger against the films in a talk with a correspondent of the London *Methodist Times*.

"We are living in an era of dirt," he began, "and the 'pictures' exploit it and thrive on it."

"You have only to recall the sort of stuff with which the film producers are flooding the world to see that this is so.

"The highest idea of romance is infidelity.

"Marital loyalty is the hall mark of imbecility.

"The husband who trusts his wife is a half-wit; and the wife who trusts her husband deserves to be deceived, and is an object for hilarity.

"And seduction is the normal initiation into society.

"Filth has become in most of our picture houses and many of our theaters the hall mark of amusement, and self-control the brand of the coward."

Strong words, but there were stronger to come: "Film producers," went on the magistrate, "are fouling civilization":

"They exhibit human love as something disgusting, nauseating, and revolting, and after they have debauched the youthful minds, our criminal courts and hospitals are left to

clear up the litter, while money bugs clear off with the moneybags.

"Constantly in my court here I see girl-mothers faced by lads challenging their obligations of paternity. I do not hesitate to say that Hollywood is earning a distinction second only to Gomorrah.

"I can respect misguided enthusiasm and honest error, but here are men deliberately exploiting every human frailty for cash.

"An England peopled with these film-made sexual specters cannot live." —Literary Digest, Oct. 17, 1931.



#### Notice

All the workers in the office will attend the union conference session in Oklahoma City, February 14 to 28, thus making it necessary to close the office during that time. All orders reaching us on or after that date will be taken care of the best we can from Oklahoma City. We trust that all will look ahead as much as possible and send orders by the date mentioned above. ELLA M. WINN.

### Why Not Have a Sabbath School Device?

T IS evident that any Sabbath school will raise more offerings for missions when a good, interesting device is used. It is a means of instruction and encouragement. It helps us to strive to reach a certain goal. A device gets results when properly used. The General Conference Sabbath School Department encourages our Sabbath school officers to use devices.

There are a variety of devices that may be used. There are the clock, thermometer, vessel sailing to a mission station, and various other things that may be used. Surely any superintendent could get up something that would be helpful as a device

I think every Sabbath school should set a goal at the beginning of each quarter. Then the device will help reach the goal. So why cannot all of our Sabbath schools throughout the Arkansas Conference this year take

hold of this work in earnest and see if we cannot do more for missions than we have ever done before?

R. P. MONTGOMERY.

## Baptism at Parkin

A HAPPY day was Wednesday, January 28. Brother C. N. Young and the writer has been visiting the isolated for three days. At Harrisburg we found a man who had read "Bible Readings" and other literature and had fully accepted the truth. A, colporteur had sold the book to the man's father and the man was fully ready for baptism.

We took him, with two other brethren, to Parkin where was another man who has bought "Our Times" from Brother W. M. Briniger. He also was fully instructed and had been asking for baptism. What a pleasure to baptize these two men "into His death!"

Later in the day, after the ordinances had been administered, one of the men heard two sermons, the first Adventist sermons he had ever heard. Present at the baptism were two book men to partake in the pleasure of the fruitage of publishing work. That day we heard of many others who had come into the message by this work in the past year. So we thank God for the colporteurs among us. May the Lord continue to use them.

C. W. RUBENDALL.

### Arkansas News Notes

Brethren Rubendall and Young left the office Monday morning to make a two weeks' tour among the isolated members in the northeast and northern parts of the conference

Our tithe for 1931 showed a decrease over that for 1930. We regret very much this loss, and trust that each member will be careful to send in a tithe of all the increase in 1932. One family has just sent in tithe to the amount of \$200. Perhaps there are others who could and would send in some back tithe.

Elders Montgomery and Rubendall, and Miss Winn held a church officers' convention in the Hot Springs church Sabbath and Sunday, January 23, and 24. The members of the Hot Springs church and Tryon City church seemed to appreciate these meetings very much.

The annual auditing and conference

committees were in session on Thursday the 21st. Elders Baker and Brown of the conference committee were present. And others outside of the conference committee to attend the auditing committee were: E. J. Black of Little Rock, E. A. Spring of Hot Springs, O. J. Johnson of Texarkana, and L. J. Connell of Searcy.

Elder Van Kirk was in the office Thursday, the 21st, to attend the auditing and conference committee meetings.

Elder E. T. Wilson, president of the Texico Conference, was in Little Rock over last week-end and spoke to the church.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Pyle and Miss Ruth Orchill of Hot Springs were in the office Sunday.

#### \_\_\_\_\_ Sabbath School Notes

A NEW home Sabbath school was organized at Harrisburg recently. It will have from twelve to fifteen members some of whom are not of the faith but who are favorably inclined. Brother N. O. Hibbetts, a veteran colporteur, was elected superintendent, and Mrs. R. E. Nessingill secretary. The hour of meeting will be 10:00 a. m. the same hour that the isolated folks meet. The number of home schools are increasing rapidly.

In visiting among the isolated we find that they respond readily to the idea of holding Sabbath school at 10:00 o'clock each Sabbath instead of the irregular and disappointing method of having no certain hour for Sabbath worship.

The school and isolated are planning on the biggest and the best Investment work for 1932 of any year in our conference. C. W. R.

### Machines Displacing Men

THE effect of the technological developments of modern industry upon the position of the worker and the labor movement in general can scarcely be exaggerated. To begin with, the increase in production per worker, expedited by newly created efficiency experts and industrial engineers, has displaced far more workers than the resultant increase in production has absorbed elsewhere. In the boot and shoe industry, for instance, 100 machines have replaced 25,000 men; in the automobile in-

dustry, one alteration in the manufacture of automobile frames has permitted 200 men to do the work of 2,000. A machine has been invented which can make 73,000 electric light bulbs in twenty-four hours; before its invention in 1918, an individual worker spent a whole day making forty. A machine has, now been contrived which can make 32,000 razor blades in the same time that one man formerly produced 500. In the glass bottle industry, an automatic glass blower can turn out as many bottles in one hour as forty workers. In loading pig iron, two laborers accomplish to-day the same work that a few years ago required 128 men.-V. F. Calverton, "Decline of Organized Labor in America," Current History for November, 1931.



#### New Hope

TEARS ago this place was one of our larger centers in East Texas. However, there was a time between then and now when the church had gone down until few in number, and also somewhat inactive. About five years ago the church school was brought to life again, and a live church school will soon do its share in making a live church. Taking everything into consideration. New Hope has been making gradual headway. It was my privilege to spend about four days with the brethren, holding meetings and counseling with them concerning their general church activities. Sister Greenhill, the teacher, is taking no small part in providing activities for some thirty or forty young people. The church hopes to start on a very definite mission work.

At the present time they are raising funds to repair their building. It is to be painted outside and papered inside. Also new benches are to be made for the church. This general repair also includes their two school rcoms. This move is very commendable on the part of the church members, and others that show a great interest in the church and school We wish them God's blessings in their work. We believe our work is onward at New Hope.

A. F. RUF.

### Report of Harvest Ingathering

WE ARE very happy to submit to our churches and isolated believers in North Texas a statement of the Harvest Ingathering work done in 1931. Surely we can say that the Lord blessed us in our efforts for His cause. We do not have space to give the names of those that raised twentyfive doi'ars or more, but we may have them later on.

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#### Obituary

GRENZ—Mary Bender *nee* Grenz, was born May 25. 1882 at Holstein, Russia and died January 23, 1932 in her home at Shattuck, Oklahoma. In 1901 she was united in marriage with Alexander Bender. Besides the three children which were in the home by former marriage, this union was blessed with five sons and three daughters, who survive their mother.

In the same year, 1902, she accepted this "Present Truth" and was baptized by Jacob Lorenz. She loved this truth and was a faithful member till her end.

The evening before she died, she read with her children the sixth chapter of John, and expressed her desire that they should give their hearts to Jesus, whom she loved so much. We believe that this motherly counsel will never be forgotten during the life of the children.

She went to bed with the expectation of getting up to do her usual work the next day, but death came too soon. She didn't suffer long, as her heart soon gave away. She was taken sick at 4:00 a. m. and died at 10 o'clock the same morning.

She reached the age of forty-nine years, seven months. and twenty-two days.

She leaves to mourn her death, her husband, eleven children, eightteen grand-children, one great-grandchild, one brother, two sisters, and many relatives and friends who mourn their loss.

She fell asleep with the assured hope of seeing her loved ones in the first resurrection.

J. A. WASENMILLER.

#### Obituary

ROGERS — Sarah Cramp, Jarde, Rogers, was born February 18, 1857, and died January 12, 1932 at the home of a step-daughter, Mrs. Colburn, who resides in Cleveland, Oklahoma.

To the first union were born two sons and one daughter. She was united in mariage to Brother W. A. Regers some thirty years ago. They made their home in the State of Michigan, until recently they came to Oklahoma to make their home with their daughter Mrs. Colburn of Cleveland.

Brother and Sister Rogers accepted the Seventh-day Adventist doctrine shortly after their marriage, and have lived faithful consistent Christian lives through the years of their union. Sister Rogers mothered five step-children who learned to love her as their own. She fell asleep in Jesus at the age of seventy-four years ten months and twenty-four days in full

assurance of being awakened at the first trumpet sound, when the Lifegiver returns

Words of comfort were spoken by this writer to the family relatives and a large number of friends who had gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Colburn

She was laid to rest in the Cleveland cemetery. F. O. FOWLER.



#### **Houston Texas**

WE HAVE just closed our church officers' convention which was very inspiring, and instructive. Many of the members, both new and old, have expressed that they were highly benefitted by the helpful instruction which was given during the meetings, and that they feel more encouraged to do better work for the master during this new year, 1932. In this meeting we had the able assistance of the following workers, Elders W. S. North, M. M. Young, G. F. Eichman, M. B. Van Kirk, and J. J. Reiswig.

H. W. KIBBLE.

#### **Colporteur Institute**

**TANUARY 8** to 15 we had our colporteur institute in San Antonio. J and we expected to have twenty-three or twenty-four in attendance, but only nine were in attendance. These nine are practically all out in the field On account of sickness working some of the others were unable to attend. So it was decided at the time that we hold an institute in Houston for the benefit of those who were not able to attend from Houston and cther places. This institute will begin January 29 and run for five days. We are expecting eight or nine in attendance.

Those who attended the institute at San Antonio expressed themselves as receiving a real inspiration to do book work, and to attempt greater things in 1932. With our present corps of workers, and those we expect after the Houston institute, the prospects look very bright for 1932. Let us all pray that the Lord will

impress others to take up this important work. R. R. COBLE, Field Secretary.

#### Obituary

GUTHRIE-William Frederick Guthrie was born near Colon, St. Joe Cuonty, Michigan, December 15, 1864, and died January 3, 1932, aged sixtyseven years and nineteen days

He accepted the truth at the age of eighteeen and was baptized by Elder Parmalee near Battle Creek, Michigan. Later he moved to Kansas, with his widowed mother and only sister. In 1890 he was united in marriage with Miss Allie Boyd at El Dorado, Kansas. Three daughters and two sons were born to them, of which two daughters and his wife, also a niece, remain to mourn the loss of a faithful and loving father and husband.

He engaged in the colporteur work, selling Bibles and small books at Pine Bluff, Arkansas about thirty years ago; and ever since he has scattered tracts and leaflets on the message as the leaves of autumn. He loved to just give away books to those who wanted them but were too poor to buy.

He loved the Bible and the Testimonies so much that he copied many portions of them, and memorized many precious verses, chapters and paragraphs, which he thought could never be taken away from us during the time of trouble.

He was a great sufferer from stomach and liver trouble for the greater part of his life. Words of comfort were spoken to a large gathering of friends by Elder D F. Sturgeon, pastor of the San Antonio church, and he was laid to rest in Roselawn Cemetery, in the blessed hope of the first resurrection. THE FAMILY.



TEXICO CONFERENCE					
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#### **Texico News Notes**

Church Officers' Conventions are the order of the day in Texico, and we are glad indeed to have with us in these conventions Elder Benton our union home missionary secretary, and all are enjoying the timely instruction, for a profound conviction is settling upon our people that we are indeed on the verge of that "Great Reformatory Movement," spoken of by the servant of the Lord.

It is hoped that from now on the ministers, including the department secretaries. can be free to answer the urgent calls from the field, where people are calling for the light of the third angel's message, instead of spending so much time with the churches already organized. What do you say, dear churches?

We are glad to welcome Elder Wilson back to the office, after a brief visit with his sister in Missouri, who is not expected to live. Brother Wilson spent a day or so with his family on this trip, speaking at Keene on Sabbath, January 30, and attending a Spanish board meeting in San Antonio January 31

Yes the depression is still in Texico, but thank God for the fact that "man's extremity is God's opportunity," and so we are glad that God is teaching us to do more with less to do with, than in so-callel good times. Let us be faithful, no matter whether the sun shines or if it is raining.

### Navajo Indian Mission

T WAS my privilege to visit the Navajo Indian Mission in the western part of New Mexico, January 9. It was a real pleasure to visit the church there.

When I talk about a mission field, we can surely say we have it in our own state. It is important that we support foreign missions but we have a large mission field in our own country. There are over 40,000 Indians besides other tribes that are still in heathen darkness. These people need the message, and as I am writing I am thinking of their great need and wonder what can be done for these people. Our mission workers there are doing everything they can to hold up the standards of the third angel's message. Sister W. T. Jones is operating a mission school of about twenty pupils that come very regularly.

Brother Jones is managing the mission in a general way. I know that Brother and Sister W. T. Jones are well known, at least to the people in South Texas, and they are working hard to hold up the truth. I think they are real missionaries and are living the truth before the people there.

They have a nice little hospital in connection with the mission, as well as keeping the school children in the mission home and other mission buildings they have there. There is a great need for food and clothing to help feed and cloth these children and those who live in the surrounding country. If anyone has any good clothing that they can spare either for boys or girls. send them direct to W. T. Jones, Lake Grove Indian Mission, Thoreau, New Mexico. They especially need boys' shirts. I hope that all of us will do what we can to help them in every respect, especially pray for them.

W. H. HANHARDT.

#### One Convention in the Past

**D**<sup>URING</sup> the last week-end, we have had a very interesting church officers' and layman's evangelism convention. Our people at Lubbock took a very deep interest in these meetings and all felt they have been benefitted by the discussion and topics that we re taken under consideration. Many of the church officers have expressed themselves that they understood their offices better than before.

The attendance was unusually good; especially the night meetings were attended by all the officers as well as a large number of our people who do not hold office.

The next convention will be at Amarillo during this week-end after which we will have a convention at Albuquerque, February 3 to 7. Elder Benton, our union conference home missionary secretary will give us

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splendid help in these conventions; also Elder Hampton as well as Brother Day and Brother Kinder. We certainly appreciate the help of these brethren. After union conference we plan to hold conventions at Roswell, Hagerman and El Paso as well as some of our smaller churches.

W. H. HANHARDT.

### A New Sabbath School in Four Days

WHAT do you think of that! Brother and sister R. B. Sheets, who have been colporteurs for a number of years, moved to their new territory last Tuesday. On the following Sabbath they had found enough interested people in just four days' time to start a Sabbath school with a membership of fourteen. Would you not consider this a splendid report? What would we do without our colporteurs to help strengthen the Sabbath school work? We hope this little Sabbath school will continue to grow in membership and that soon it will be fully organized. ALICE RICE.

#### A Great Crisis Just Ahead?

'A GREAT crisis awaits the people of God. A crisis awaits the world. The most momentous struggle of all the ages is just before us." restimonies Vol. 5:711.

"When our nation shall so abjure the principles of its government as to enact a Sunday law, Protestantism will in this act join hands with popery; it will be nothing else than giving life to the tyranny which has long been eagerly watching its opportunity to spring again into active lespotism." Id. 712.

"We as a people have not accomplished the work which God has committed to us. We are not ready for the issue to which the enforcement of the Sunday law will bring us. It is our duty, as we see the signs of approaching peril, to arouse to action. Let none sit in calm expectation of the evil, comforting themselves with the belief that this work must go on because prophecy has foretold it, and that the Lord will shelter His people. We are not doing the will of God if we sit in quietude, doing nothing to preserve liberty of conscience." Id. 713-14.

 $\mathbf{S}_0$  dear brethren and sisters, we are accountable to God for what we

might do and fail to do, if we sit quietly by waiting for the prophecy to be fulfilled, just because we know that it will be fulfilled, and leave our neighbors and friends in darkness on the question of the impending conflict.

Congress is facing another Sunday Bill this session, as usual Let us do more than usual, for the enemy will be doing more than during the past, but thank God for angels which excel in strength, who are commissioned to help us until the work is done. Let us go forth, doing our bit with the petitions against this pending bill and send it to our Congressmen, who are always glad to hear from their constituency, and God will bless us as we go with a prayer in our hearts that we may be the means of helping to convert a Nicodemus or a Joseph of Aremathea.

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THE fourth quadrennial session of the Southwestern Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, will be held in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, February 17 to 27, 1932, for the purpose of electing officers of the Conference for the ensuing term, and the transaction of any other business that may properly come before the Conference. The first meeting of the session will convene at nine o'clock a. m., Wednesday, February 17, in the Oklahoma City church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. M. B. Van Kirk, President,

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#### Southwestern Union Conference Corperation of Seventh-day Adventists

THE fourth quadrennial session of the

Southwestern Union Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists will convene in Oklahoma City in connection with the Southwestern Union Conference constituency meeting February 17 to 27, 1932. The first meeting of this session will be held at eleven o'clock a. m. Wednesday, February 17, 1932, for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing term and for the transaction of any other business that may properly come before the corporation. The legal constituency of this corporation is the duly elected delegates of the Southwestern Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, unincorporated.

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# SOUTHWESTERN JUNIOR COLLEGE

#### News Notes

The Music and Expression Departments of Southwestern Junior College presented a recital in the college auditorium Saturday evening, January 30. The first number was two selections by the college Band. Miss Elizabeth Syphers played a piano solo.  $\mathbf{M}$ iss Mary Wofford gave a reading. Mr. Harold Hampton sang a bass solo. Mr. Vance Maloney, Jr. played a piano solo. Ye Southern Warblers, under direction of Professor Dortch rendered two very pretty'selections. Miss Geneva Baker gave a musical reading; Mrs. Ryden was at the piano. A piano duet, by Miss Vida Kinzer and Miss Marguerite Johnson was a very pretty number. Mr. Glenn Wallen sang a solo. Miss Mary Salyer played a piano solo. Mrs G A. Mitchell sang several numbers. The A Cappella Choir, under direction of Professor Dortch rendered a beautiful number. As a closing feature the College Orchestra played several numbers.

We are glad to welcome President Kellogg back home again. He has been to the Pacific Coast in interest of the industries of the college.

Mr. Edwin Stewart visited in Austin this past week-end

Mr. Fred Moore conducted a very interesting prayer meeting in West Hall last Wednesday evening. Mr. Hohen and Mr. Truitt are two new residents of West Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Pierce from Yakima, Washington, have been visiting Elder and Mrs. Miller and Marshall this week. Mrs. Pierce will be remembered as Myrtle Miller.

Elder E. T. Wilson, president of the Texico conference, spoke at vespers Friday night. A very inspirational testimony service followed.

The Spanish Mission Band met in the parlor of West Hall Sabbath afternoon. The first acts of a continued play was given showing the progress of a students life from their first day in S. W. J. C. till they are in the mission field ready for service

The students of the Musical department went to a concert in Dallas last week. They heard Albert Spalding, America's greatest violinist.

Impromptu speaches was the order of improvement Club last Thursday night. Mr. Lucius Butler, Mr. Emil Hohen, and Mr. Hubert Reed were the speakers. An impromptu duet was rendered by Mr. Glenn Fillman and Mr. Leslie Reddell.

Mr. Hubert Reed is visiting at his home this week-end.

Mr. George Armstrong has returned to his home in Sedalia, Missouri

At Culture Club last Wednesday evening, Miss Ida Green Sang a solo, Miss Geneva Baker gave two readings, and Misses Cleo and Lucile Wagnor sang a duet

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The Mizpah staff is working with all their might. We are positive the Mizpah for 1932 will be the best one ever put out by the students of S. W. J. C. If you haven't already sent your subscription in, do so at your earliest convenience. The Mizpah goes to press in just a few weeks.

Mrs. G. A. Mitchell from Atlanta, Georgia, is visiting Elder and Mrs. C. N. Woodward and family. Mrs. Mitchell will be remembered as Willie Mae McCutchen.

Elder McNiel, a former worker of this conference is visiting Keene friends.

Those from Dalworth who were visiting friends in Keene, Sabbath, were, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Spikes, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Atcheson and their mother, Mrs. Atcheson, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Mosley and family and Mr. and Mrs. George Spikes

Mr. and Mrs. Amundson and Mrs. Gresvenor from Dallas attended the recital Saturday night.

Miss Florence Kinder went to Dallas to spend the week-end with her brother, Clyde.

Miss Isabell Williamson is spending a few days at her home in Dallas.

Mrs. G. A. Mitchell sang for the girls in their parlor following the recital.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Schneider have returned to their home in Oklahoma. They attended school here the first semester.

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